

# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA (SELA) URBAN FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT



- **Project Status**

Construction Cost  
\$744 M

Construction Completion  
FY 09

- **FY06 President's**

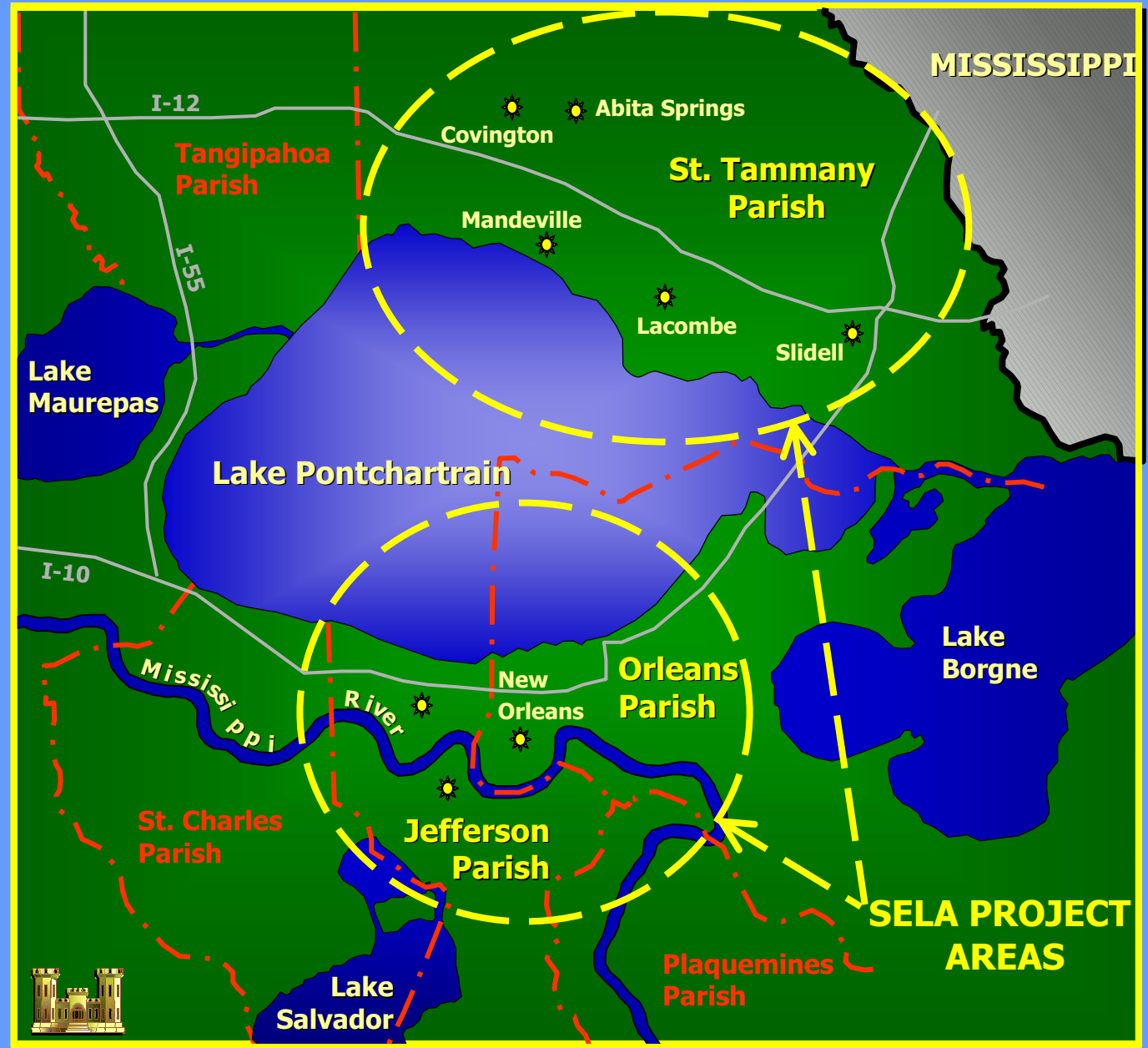
**Budget:** \$10.49 million

- **Project FY06 Funding**

**Required:** \$62.5 Million

- **Project Issues**

-Funding Shortfall





## Project Fact Sheet

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### **Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control Project - Jefferson, Orleans & St. Tammany Parishes, LA**

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** Fiscal 1996 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (Sec 108); WRDA 1996 (Sec 533) and WRDA 1999 (Sec 533).

**PROJECT SPONSORS:** Jefferson Parish: Jefferson Parish Government; Orleans Parish/City of New Orleans: Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. St. Tammany Parish: Various communities or St. Tammany Parish Government.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** East bank of the Mississippi River in Orleans Parish; east and west banks of Mississippi River in Jefferson Parish; St. Tammany Parish: Slidell, Mandeville, Covington, Madisonville, Abita Springs and Lacombe.

**PROJECT PURPOSE:** Orleans and Jefferson Parishes: support the parishes' master drainage plans and generally provide flood protection from a ten-year rainfall event, while also reducing damages for larger events. St. Tammany Parish: Flood protection for various rainfall events, but also mostly focus on ten-year events.

**PROJECT FEATURES:** In Orleans Parish, improve five major drainage lines, add pumping capacity to one pump station, and build two new pump stations. In Jefferson Parish, improvements to about twenty-four drainage canals, additional pumping capacity for four pump stations, and the addition of two new pump stations. Improvements in St. Tammany Parish include channel enlargements, retention ponds, levees and elevation of structures.

<b>PROJECT COSTS:</b>	<u>Total Project</u>
Total Project Cost	\$744,000,000
Total Federal Cost	\$555,000,000
Total Non-Federal Cost	\$189,000,000

**PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE:** Funds required in FY06 are \$62.5 million. Budgeted funds of \$10.49 million would be used to complete one contract in Jefferson Parish, continue one contract in Jefferson Parish and complete one contract in Orleans Parish. The additional \$52 million could be used to initiate 14 contracts in Jefferson Parish, initiate three contracts in Orleans Parish, and pay unfunded liabilities from FY 05.

**ISSUES:** In authorizing the project, Congress expressed intent to have the critical flood control work accomplished as quickly as possible. The current budget funding for FY 2006 will prevent the award of contracts. This will significantly increase the cost of the project, delay project completion and delay project benefits. St. Tammany has made significant progress in developing hydrologic models of the parish's drainage basins and would like to incorporate this work into a sec 533(d) report. On 23 Feb 2005 the principal deputy ASA(CW) signed a memorandum approving the PCA amendment for the East Bank Basin (Pump to the River) and East of Harvey Sec 533(d) report, which will total \$100 million additional construction in Jefferson Parish. Jefferson Parish has initiated P&S for the East Bank Basin Project. Similar PCA amendments are being prepared to incorporate the Peoples Ave and Uptown project, which will total \$178 million in additional construction in Orleans Parish.